

This begging for food practice killed Buddhism in India after the 5th Century CE.

Buddhism came up from preexisting Orthodox Hindu tradition called Sanatan Dharm. Santan already had 9 branches with two known Atheistic philosophies of Jain and Charvak. There were other six Astik branches who considered Vedas as their scriptures. Orthodox Hindus always believed in four Purusharth(Goals) of life namely Dharm; Arth;Kam and Mokchh (Moral living; Wealth; Pleasure and ultimate Liberation from cycle of birth -life-death).

Jain and Charvak both had rejected the concept of a Creator, but went separate ways. Jain believed in self torturing as a means of purification; Charvak on the other hand, believed in living and enjoying this life to the fullest. Charvak are like Grand Daddy and Mommy of modern age Hippies and self centered modern young generations of industrially Developed World, who have no time for others except necessary to maintain transactional relationships.

The Buddhist idea of begging is like self humiliating to Hindus and is not acceptable. So It lasted as long as Indian governments(confederacy of Janpads) supported Vikchhus. As Hindu kings replaced Budhhist kings of Janapads, government funding to feed Vikchhus gradually vanished. Hence the number of Budhhist Vikhus kept going down and with it the Buddhist way of life went down, resulting in the collapse of Buddhism in main India.